

RUINED BY REFORM.

The Way Hank Dunham Tried to Drill Virtue Into Pike County. BY EDWIN WEBSTER.

(Copyright, 1900, by S. S. McClure Co.) "Hank Dunham always went from

might be tempted to hunt for the same thing. Now, the blacksnake hasn't the ualities that make him popular at a social gathering, but it is rattlesnake hunters, not cotilion leaders, I am look-ing for. There isn't another animal of his weight that has the intellectual attainments of the scorned and unappreciated blacksnake. A liking for liquor isn't necessarily confined to human beings with immortal souls. It's one extreme to the other," said Deacon Todgers in reminiscent tones, "When he was leading a sinful but joyous life, he tried to keep all the distilleries working overtime. After he got relig-



"WHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY WILL YOU FIND A BAND OF BLACKSNAKES THAT KEEP THE SABBATH?"

fon and became a leader in the Pike County Citizens' Sunday League, he wanted to drill holiness into every-thing within reach including his body.

Hank, earnestly, 'that there is a big demand for rattlesnakes, or, rather, for ting it in a box devised for that purdemand for rattlesnakes, or, rather, for rattlesnake oil and rattles, both of which it is contrary to the rules of etiting it in a box devised for that purpose and then giving the snakes a bit of fresh meat, he gradually drove the idea into their heads that rattlesnakes upplied the market with a sufficient quantity of these necessary, if not ornamental articles, he could make a barrel of money, and make it easy. barrel of money, and make it easy.'
"That's true of pretty nearly everything, from gold bricks to diamonds,' I observed in my sarcastic way, 'But, while I don't want to dampen your ar-



"Go Forth!" He Said to the Snakes.

dor for easy money, I have my doubts as to the success of any missionary scheme for persuading Pike county rat-tlers to enter a snake heaven that you may use their physical remains to duce a deluded public to part with its

"Hank looked quite grieved at my remarks.
"'Tin not proposing to conduct a

campaign among local rattlesnakes on the comforts of life beyond the grave,' he replied, in a remonstrating sort of way, 'nor do I plan to wear out my already weary legs by chasing overhills and dales. My scheme is to get a lot of blacksnakes trained to do my hunting for me.' 'A blacksnake is the natural enemy

of the rattler, I said, in a doubting manner, 'and always looking for trouble in that direction. My own relations with blacksnakes have always been friendly, though not cordial. don't want to say a word against any respectable blacksnake. But at the same time I am mighty doubtful about any blacksnake turning over to you the results of a raid on some happy rat-

He would put the body of a dead rattlesee by a city paper, observed
sake in front of his snakes, and then
by taking it away from them and putbow, and worldly-minded men refused
by taking it away from them and putbow, and worldly-minded men refused
into the ground. But as the 1. m. c.
A. people didn't want to drink, anybow, and worldly-minded men refused
ing and warned Hank. gently as a human being would. wasn't long before every snake wanted whisky, and understood that the only way to get it was to hand over a rattlesnake to Hank. Then Hank judged they had the game pretty well sized up. One morning he took his corps of able assistants down to a big ravine where rattlesnakes were abundant. There he turned his pets loose.

"'Go forth,' he said to the snakes, talking as if they could understand him. "Go forth and show to an admiring community the results of an edu-cation at the hands of the worthy man who owns you. Return in triumph, bearing the bodies of benighted rat-tlers. Then you can enjoy in placid comfort the drinks that will be coming to you. Drinks for rattlers and rattlers for drinks is the rule, and there is no limit to the amount you can cash in.'
"Of course, the blacksnakes didn't



wy Work Day, the Snakes Gather-in Rattlers for Hank's Benefit.

understand all Hank was saying, but they appreciated the substance of his remarks. Being industrious and thirsty, they worked hard all day. At night Hank had an imposing pile of rattlesnakes and his pets had an even more ornate collection of jags. Hank got the oil from the rattlesnakes and results of a raid on some happy ratternake family. Among the many virtues of blacksnakes I never heard impulsive generosity mentioned as the most pronounced.

"But I propose rendering an equivalent for any assests in the way of rattlesnakes and makes are feeling at the present most pronounced.

"But I propose rendering an equivalent for any assests in the way of rattlesnakes sail the post shad an imposing pile of attlesnakes and his peris had an imposing pile of attlesnakes in the way of rattlesnakes and his peris had an episcakes and his peris had an extented up and threat the substance of his animal strutted up and they appreciated the substance of his ment are admirably disguised, I told Hank. Blamed if I ever saw a more disgusted looking lot of blacksnakes."

"But I propose rendering an equivalent for any assests in the way of rattlesnakes and his peris had an episcake and his peris had an episcake and his peris had an extented up and church who remarks. Being industrious and the mark shaded any industrious blacksnakes."

"All that Sunday Hank's hunting for his plant help were an agoud job when he is out for revenge. Hank's storeroom in mud puddle goose. Everyone who fattlesnake of at the same and industrious of attlesnake of an edispused of the kept hank is gind a the present many in the end. "All that Sunday Hank's number of a trailesnake of a blacksnakes."

"All that Sunday Hank's number of a trailesnake of an out of the present most of the his valued collection of attlesnake of a blacksnakes."

"All that Sunday Hank's number of a trailesnake of an out of save of a common fowl like you. You are good hearted, but you are only a fattlesnake of at the same had an and strutted up and church was sign of a blacksnakes."

"All that Sunday Hank's number of a trailesnake of an out of save in the sunday and the same of a collection of lags. Hank and intuitions makes are feeling at the present most right of vour they save as good job when he is out for revenge. Hank's storeroom in which he kept hank is given of a t

his band of industrious hunters. But y surprise, each snake had a little of beer in front of him, and from which he took a sip whenever his thirst called for a quencher. "'Why, deacon,' said Hank, sort of

amazed like, in answer to my ques-tions, 'do you appreciate what day it is? I may be a worldly man and no fanatic on religious matters, but I'm too good hearted to work my able and intelligent assistants sern days in the week. During week days every snake is liberally supplied with whisky, which is a stimulant. But when the Sabbath rolls around each snake is at liberty to lie in the shade of his own vine and fig tree and have his mug of beer in peace and quiet. "A merciful man is merciful to his beast," and if to his beast, why not to his industrito his beast, why not to his industri-our and appreciative blacksnake?" And Hack's chest expanded, as ae tried to mentally pat himself on the

"Hank's scheme continued to be an unqualified success, adding to his roll and causing vacancies among the first families of Pike county rattlesnake soclety. But the more money Hank made, the thirstier he seemed to grow. Finally the minister called and remonstrated against the amount Hank was drinking himself, and the way he was pouring good whisky down the throats

pouring good whisky down the throats of his snakes.

"Hank was mightily indignant at being called down by his pastor.

"It's little credit T get in this world for the good I try to do,' said Hank, bitterly. 'I rescue these blacksnakes from the wilds of Pike county, train them and give them a mission in the world, and then I am accused of trying world, and then I am accused of trying to corrupt their morals. Whisky doesn't hurt a blacksnake, anyway.

It just acts as a mild stimulant, and brings out all that is best and most brings out all that is best and most lovable in his nature. And my snakes never work on Sunday. It's a day of rest and moral culture for them. Where else in the county will you find a band of blacksnakes that keep the Sabbath?'

Sabbath?'

SHO

Boys all over the country have made huts of various kinds and for all sorts of purposes, for fishing, for hunting, sabbath?'

"The man of God was impressed at this, but still felt a little doubtful.
"Maybe it's all right about the snakes,' he replied. 'but I don't approve of your effort to drink up all the whisky in the county that your snakes don't use. I can't deny that you make a brave attempt at the job for a man of your weight, but the plan itself is one I can't sanction."

To camping, etc., and during August they are surprisingly comfortable for homes in the woods.

The accompanying illustration gives an 'idea for a hut built on the ground where the trunk of a stout tree Is used for the main support.

This primitive building can be made the plan itself is one I can't sanction.'

or your weight, but the plan itself is one I can't sanction.'
"Hank looked even more hurt.
"There's another injustice, he observed, plaintively. 'It's in the capacity of an octopus hunter, and a supporter of home industries that I tank up so elaborately at frequent intervals. If I drink up all the whisky that is made by Pike county distilleries I not only save others from temptation but orly save others from temptation, but by keeping up the demand for home-made goods I rescue a local industry from the clutches of the trust. But do I get any credit for my well intended actions? Not a bit.'

"But the more the minister thought ver what Hank said, the more doubtful the good man felt.

"'You talk about your snakes keep-ing the Sabbath.' the minister finally said, decidedly, 'but your snakes might better be working than lying about all day guzzling beer. As for your absorbing all the whisky produced by the local distillery, and so delivering a body blow to the octopus, you can't do it for they have put in a night.

County Citizens' Sunday League, he wanted to drill holiness into everything within reach, including his band of intelligent, but worldy-minded blacksnakes, having a work day the blacksnakes, worldly-minded life. Every work day the blacksnakes, worldly-minded life. Every work day the blacksnakes apply of good liquor in the place where it most benefits man or snake, will be protected against bad effects from any bites they may acquire in their efforts a pike county farmer ever stacked up against.

"One day this spring Hank came over to my house with the air of a man who has made a discovery that"

brought him a dead rattler. And it's a worthy and charitable plan, too, that I'm devising,' continued Hank, solemnly. For these blacksnakes, having a supply of good liquor in the place where it most benefits man or snake, will be protected against bad effects from any bites they may acquire in their efforts to provide me with rattlesnake oil and snake rattles. I may not get any medals from the Humane society, but I will certainly deserve them.'

"One day the spring Hank came of the limit and came of the limit and continued to live his careless, worldly-minded life. Every work day the blacksnakes gathered in rattlers for Hank's benefit. Each Sunday the trained hunters rested and enjoyed their beer in peace and comfort. But the reproving words of the man of God haunted Hank's mind. Finally he stopped drinking. I approved of this. Then he joined the Y. M. C. A. and began an enthusiastic campaign to stop every one else from drinking. will send his name thundering down the ages.

"So Hank gathered a supply of young blacksnakes and began training them. He would put the body of a dead rattle-into the ground. But as the Y. M. C. didn't seem as if the movement was doing much harm. But Hank wasn't satisfied and joined the Sunday League. I remonstrated with him.

'Reform is a good thing,' I told him. 'a beautiful and inspiring theme. don't know of any class of address would rather listen to than sneeches on reform. As elocutionary efforts, they are always a success. But when you come to drag reform into practical politics there is apt to be a reaction, which results in free beer and bumped reformer.'

"But Hank had turned from the thirstiest soul in the county to the

st rabid reformer.
'Talking about free beer and Sunday closing,' he said, decidedly, 'there is one reform that is going into immediate effect on my own premises. Here-after no idle blacksnakes are going to put in the Sabbath loafing and gos-siping and drinking beer. Through the week they may have whisky, for they need it to keep them to their work, but godly coursel and cold water will but godly counsel and cold water will be the Sunday portion of Hank Dun-ham's collection of trained blacksnakes. They've got intelligence, and it won't be my fault if they don't acquire re-ligion. For a time their degraded a They've got intelligence, and it won't acquire relating where their beer was. Hank pointed to the water. Not a snake petites may clamor for cool beer, but in the end I will be the proud possession of a collection of snakes that will.

The snakes ducked back to their tree, and the other fowls keep clear or per, and the other fowls keep clear or per, and the other fowls keep clear or per, and the other fowls keep clear or him and let him go his own way.

On our farm the peacock was spoken of as the finest bird for miles around, and he was too proud to even notice we deserved praise for our of an and he was too proud to even notice we deserved praise for our of a collection of snakes that will sor of a collection of snakes that will the nucleus of a Snakes' Cold Water League.'

'In the end you will be a fool,' I he was about to try a dangerous experiment. 'But there won't be change enough in your disposition to jar you. or attract attention. Six days in the week these faithful snakes turn over to you the proceeds of their labors. Cooling drinks and a shall place to rest in are due them on the seventh. Your attempt to form a Blacksnakes' Christian Endeavor Society will be sure *to result in a strike. And a strike of trained blacksnakes is a swift game to "But Hank was obstinate, and said

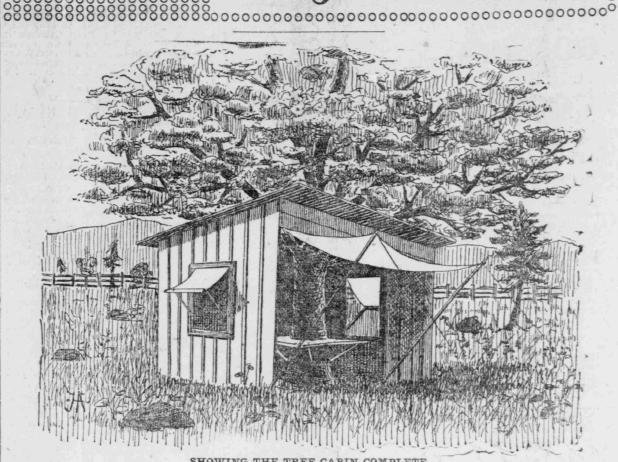
he was going to begin his Senday reform movement as soon as the week

'The next Sunday morning Hank's snakes came out of the box they slept in and made a bee-line for the big tree, under which they were accustomed to rest. Every snake had his own par-ticular place, and each was accustomed to finding a little mug of beer waiting for him. This Sunday glasses of ice water stood in the place usually occupied by the beer. The blacksnakes looked at the water in a puzzled sort of way. I had come over to Hank's farm to watch the success of his exper-'Introduce them.' I observed to

Hank in my sarcastic way. 'Your snakes and water are evidently strangers.' 'Hank snarled that the way of the wicked was hard and thirsty at first, but that the snakes would thank him in the end.

An Ideal Camping

Lodge for \$10.00



SHOWING THE TREE CABIN COMPLETE.

Boys all over the country have made work in a corresponding position.

This hut is eight feet high at the corners by means of beams, as front and seven at the rear, and can be made of rough sawed boards ten or the tree trunk also is a central location.

The tree trunk also is a central location.

The tree trunk also is a central location. The man of God was impressed at for camping, etc., and during August



Showing How to Put the Hut Together.

The front is two-thirds open, where a canvas awning is attached at the top and propped out at the corners by

cussed. I saw there was trouble com-

"'Blue laws are all right in their place, I told him, but even the Pligrim Fathers never tried to enforce

them with a band of trained black-snakes. Loving forbearance isn't one

on much longer with your Sunday clos-

me,' replied Hank, obstinate like. 'I'm saving money on the beer and I have

the additional reward of an approving

"Sunday morning the blacksnakes

water was coming to them. This time the snakes seemed certain Hank was

the person to blame for the thirsty

state of affairs. They held a little conference. Then the whole bunch trailed over to where Hank was stand-

ing. They ranged themselves in front of him, lifted up their heads in an in-

but acting in a mighty sullen manner.

Those snakes will live to thank

long.

After the boards have been driven fast to the framework they can be made nearly weather-tight by overlapping strips two inches wide at the joints, as shown in the drawing.

Figure 1 shows the manner in the the hut is framed, and the framework can be made of round tree limbs or sawed joist about two by four inches.

The joist would make the best job, but would add to the expense, and it not available, there are always jienty of good, straight limbs in the woods

The important part in framing up is to secure a good anchorage to the tree by means of blocks and cleats driven on with long steel wire nails.

"A" shows the appearance of a cleat that can be hewn from a piece of cord wood, preferably of dried oak or hick-

ory.

It will not be necessary to cut or mar the tree in any way, as the cleats secured by the nails will support the the roof and lay it across and overlap

Lap joints in round sticks are made as shown at B; the upper one is for a inches. corner, while the lower one shows the manner of notching out for cross pieces.

Some lath fastened down with steel wire nails will hold the paper in place and prevent the wind from ripping it

The front is two-thirds open, where a canvas awning is attached at the top and propped out at the corners by means of long, slim poles.

In rainy weather the canopy is let down and tied to the edges of the doorway by means of small ropes, one piece of which is sewed to the canvas, the other tacked securely to the wood-

that can be put to use in constructing

necessary sticks for the frame.

tering into their work with their former spirit. Time after time two or three blacksnakes, who ought to have been ardently pursuing elusive rattlers, in an appearance. Hank was broken hearted. He looked silently at the wreck for a minute. Then he hurled his hymn book out of the window and his hymn book out of the window and his hymn book out of the window and felt him-was too proud to speak to us and felt been ardently pursuing enusive lattices, could be seen with their heads together, evidently holding a confab, at which the inalienable rights of black-which the inalienable rights of black-with th self too good for our society, we must mber that he never injur us. I think it is our duty to give him funeral.' he said in pathetic tones. The finest collection of trained blacksnakes in

Pike county turned into vagrant wanderers over woods and dales. A worthy old man practically ruined. And all due to an overdose of reform and a fervent desire to inspire blacksnakes with reof the strong qualities of your pets. It's a bunch of painful experiences that will be coming to you if you keep here an antidote for the disease. I will proceed to inoculate myself."

ulating nimself at a rate which seemed a guarantee against any recurrence of the trouble."

GRAY GOOSE TALES.

came out of their sleeping box and piked right over to where their beer mugs had formerly stood. Only pure Let me tell you that geese, ducks, turkeys and hens on a farm are never friends with the peacock. He is a pretty hard, they soon had the body vain bird, as you all know, spending covered out of sight. When this was done I said: most of his time admiring his feathers, and his eggs are never used for his grave, but let us bid him farefood and he himself is too tough for quiring manner, and a person didn't need to be a student of the snake lan-guage to understand that they were eating. He has also got a bad temper, and the other fowls keep clear of

Hank thought things were settled and started to go to church.
"'For once,' I told him, 'you had better restrain your religious impulses and stay away from divine service. If I know anything about snakes your time I have heard people exclaim:

By a Gray Goose Gander.

our rooster with golden feathers. He spent most of his time walking to and fro in the front yard, and whenever people passed along the highway he would spread his tail and cry out to former faithful pets are meditating re- "Just look at that peacock! Did you



WOULD SPREAD HIS TAIL AND CRY OUT.

full grown blacksnakes, I am willing to give big odds that they will meet with success in their natural, if un-Christian, attempt.' knew I was the oldest gander on the farm and was in charge of a flock of

snakes were only sulky and would soon me. get over that. So off he started for he s church and Sunday school.
"When Hank returned home there

venge. And from what I have learned ever see such fine plumage in all your about the strength and disposition of life? Ah, but he is a fine bird!" I should like to have been friends

with the peacock, but even though he "Hank replied impatiently that his twenty geese, he felt himself far above me. When I tried to talk with him he over that. So off he started for he spread his tail and strutted up and down and said

Established 1859.

The rooster, the drake and the gob bler said they thought so, too. The peacock had never spoken to them, but as he was dead they could forgive him. It, therefore, came about that all of us marched down to the fence, crawled through and stood around the body of the once proud bird. There was a hole near at hand, and I said:

"Friends, let us bury this cold

"Yes, let us bury it," said the roos-"And be sorry that he is dead," said

the drake.

With the help of two geese and a duck I pushed the body into the hole, and then the rooster looked around upon his flock and said: "I want four of you to fill this grave, and while you are at work the rest of us will look sorrowful."

Four hens began scratching of the dirt, and although the ground was

Then the geese and ducks quacked, the turkeys gobbled, the roosters crowed and the hens clucked, and af-

between the peacock and us. I think we deserved praise for our conduct. As the rooster said while we were going back to the yard:

"When a peacock is dead and has lost all his tail feathers and been thrown over the fence, we must forget that he was vain and bad tempered."

Can You Tell Why you have constant headaches, are ner-yous and sleepless at night and feel tired in the morning? Your blood isn't carrying the right materials to your nerves and other organs. Begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood

Nausea, indigestion are cured by

joy refreshing sleep.

stronger, will relish your food and en-





Best Dining Car Service. T. J. CLARK, West Second South, Salt Lake City.



Why, of course you have the Burlington. Everybod Nevertheless you will be when you see the train. It's a and that diner is immense cannot be excelled; the the napery, courteous waiters, ness and service in general petizers. The improvements i have made the Burlington noiseless. You can sleep in dine in a diner, smoke in read in a library car and reclining chair car all under And to make this whole And to make this whole thing go the Burlington has the largest engines in the west. They are as high as a house, as fast as a whirlwind, and weigh 114 tons each. You should go over this road to see and ride behind one of

road to see and ride behind one of these monsters.

Two trains a day from Denver to the east. The Chicago Special leaves Denver at 4 p. m., the Vestibuled Flyer at 10 p. m., for all points east. Through sleepers daily, Ogden, Salt Lake, Provo to Denver, Omaha and Chicago via Rio Grande Western and Burlington voute.

Tickets at offices of connecting lines. Ticket office, 214 South West Templa street, Salt Lake City.
R. F. NESLEN,

General Agent, C. P. PRUITT, Trav. Pass, and Freight Agent,

NEWEST AND BEST.



OMAHA to CHICAGO.

Omaha to St. Paul and Minneapolis -Double Daily Service.

Our trains comprise everything that is up to date and modern in the rall-road world. Wide vestibuled equipment. Sleeping cars, buffet, smoking and library cars, dining cars, free reclining chair cars. New throughout, Ask ticket agents for tickets Via the

Illinois Central Railroad For information and descriptive pam. phlets apply to

DONALD ROSE, Commercial Agent, 75 West Second South street. Salt Lake City.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC

U. S. DEPOSITORY.

Frank Knox President, George A. Lowe. Vice President, Ed. W. Duncan Cashier. CAPITAL PAID IN. - \$300,000 Banking in all its branches transacted Exchange drawn on the principal cities of Europe. Interest paid on time deposits

WALKER BROTHERS BANKERS.

SALT LAKE CITY.

A General Banking Business Transacted.

Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent (OMBERICAL BANK

Capital Paid In, \$200,000. General Banking In All Its Branches.
Directors -Dr. Theodore Meyer, John J.
Daly, O. J. Salisbury, Moylan C. Foz.
Thomas Marskall, W. P. Noble, George
M. Downey, John Donnnellan, A. F. Holden.

Salt Lake City, Utah,

ESTABLISHED 1852.

Transact a General Banking Business. 38

J. H. DOOLY, Cashier. The Deseret Savings Bank

W. W. Riter, President.
Moses Thatcher, Vice President.
Ellas A. Smith, Cashier.
James Sharp, John R. Barnes, John C.
Cutler, David Eccles, A. W. Carisot,
George Romney, John R. Winder, D. H.
Peery, E. R. Eldredge, W. F. James,
Four per cent interest paid on savings
deposits. enricher, and you will soon realize a change. You will feel better and

U. S. DEPOSITORY,

Salt Lake City, Utah. CAPITAL, - - - - \$500,000 SURPLUS. - - - \$250,000 Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent.

MCCORNICK & CO., BANKERS,

Salt Lake City, Utah. ESTABLISHED 1873.
Transact a General Banking Business

B. H. SCHETTLER,

22 Main St. Opposite Co-op. ***** T.R.JONES&CO

BANKERS.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.